

## **ENERGY SAVINGS IDEAS FOR SCHOOLS**

- Monitor existing thermostat settings. Summer setting should be set at 78 degrees and winter settings at 68 degrees.
- Keep Outside doors closed
- Use high efficiency air filters and change each month
- Turn off computers, printers and other equipment at the end of the day
- Turn off all lights in classrooms when not in use
- Enable powers saving features on all office equipment
- Use motion –controlled sensors in rooms that have only periodic use (bathrooms & conference rooms)
- Discourage use of electric equipment such as space heaters, fans, mini refrigerators and microwaves
- Upgrade exit signs to LED (light emitting diode)
- Replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescents
- Replace T-12 lights with T-8 lights (T-8s must be matched with appropriate ballasts) T-12 ballasts don't match
- Remove light and ballast from vending machines
- Periodically visit school during off-hours to see if lights and equipment are on unnecessarily
- Check timers on outside lighting to make sure they are not on during the day
- Consider adopting a curriculum that will help students learn about energy-savings efforts and habits
- Publicize energy-savings efforts through morning announcements, staff meetings and newsletters to parents
- Use light color coatings for roofs and roof top units
- Consider adopting a purchasing plan that incorporates energy efficient equipment such as energy star & green seal products
- Review your utility bills each month

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